Hot Ice

Grade Levels:

K-3

Question:

Which will become ice faster, hot or cold water?

Possible Hypotheses:

Cold water will freeze faster/slower than hot water.

Materials:

Two Styrofoam cups Hot tap water Cold tap water

Procedure:

- 1. Fill one cup with very cold water. Fill the other with the same amount of very hot water. Label one cup hot and the other cup cold.
- 2. Put both cups in the freezer and check every 10-15 minutes. Record which one begins to freeze first.
- 3. Leave them in the freezer until the following day. Take them out and see if there is any difference in the ice cubes.

Analysis and Conclusion:

Which one froze first? Did both cubes end up being the same size?

